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Thursday, February 29, 1968

Zoning Matters Before Legislature

The Maryland Senate unanimously passed on Monday, February 26, and sent to the House of Delegates a bill that would require a vote of four of the five county commissioners to approve a rezoning petition that runs counter to the recommendation of a city council. Presently commissioner decisions can be made by a majority.

According to the bill's sponsor, Senator Edward T. Conroy (Dem.-P.G.), the effect of the bill would be to give Prince Georges county municipalities a stronger role in zoning within their boundaries. It is, he said, a further step in bringing zoning decisions close to the people.

The Prince Georges delegation approved last week a House bill that would give the county commissioners power to set development limits and conditions on newly rezoned property. The so-called "conditional zoning" measure was one of the most controversial parts of the delegation's legislative package.

The delegation also approved a measure that would require the county commissioners' permission for the school board to buy land for school sites.

The delegation rejected bills to give their county commissioners and the Montgomery County Council control over budgets of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

The delegation introduced a bill permitting the county to sell up to \$88 million in bonds to finance its part of a metropolitan Washington rapid transit system.

Study Commission

In another area, a special gubernatorial study commission recommended a wholesale revamping of the State's 40-year-old planning and zoning laws. In a 94-page interim report, the nine-member commission called for repeal of the 1927 model statute under which Maryland counties and some municipalities are granted powers to enact their own planning and zoning codes.

A key proposal is establishment of a State review board which would give the State government the authority to hear major zoning cases appealed from county governing bodies.

Other recommendations included establishment of a land reserve program to provide for advance acquisition of land for future public purposes, such as park and school sites, and adoption of a uniform development code for all counties.

Public hearings will be held during the summer on the study group's proposals.

Cubs Have Doughnut Sale

The cub scouts of Pack 202 will begin a doughnut sale at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 2. The cubs will be canvassing Greenbelt during the morning hours. The public is asked to please help support the scouts with doughnut purchases.

All parents serving as drivers for the scouts, please meet at the Community Church.

TIME TO GET SET

GHI members should start thinking now about annual elections coming up in May. Four directors will be elected for two-year terms and three audit committee members for one-year terms. A Nomination-Consent form will be running in both the News Review and the next issue of the GHI Newsletter, but if you would like more information now about running for these positions, call 474-9263 and talk to George Adams, Chairman of the GHI Nominations and Elections Committee.

WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, Feb. 29, 7:45 p.m. GHI Special Meeting on Medical Center, Hamilton Place.

Saturday, March 2, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. SHL Voter Registration, Community House.

Monday, March 4, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Bldg.

Tuesday, March 5, 7:30 p.m. Springhill Lake P.T.A. Voter registration during meeting. 8 p.m. Center School P.T.A. Voter registration during meeting.

Wednesday, March 6, 8:30 p.m. Boxwood Civic Assn. American Legion Hall.

Boxwood Civic Association

Senator Edward T. Conroy will speak about the new Maryland State Constitution at the regular Boxwood Civic Association meeting to be held Wednesday, March 6, at 8:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Greenbelt.

The public is cordially invited.

Volunteer Fire Depts.

Protest County Proposal

Sen. Fred Wineland (Dem. P.G.), together with other Prince Georges Senators, introduced a bill last week to create a Prince Georges County Fire Commission. Supported by the County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc. the bill would give the Commission the authority to review expenditures of all fire stations, handle budget requests, and devise plans for the more economic use of fire tax funds.

The bill was in response to a proposal by the Prince Georges county commission for the setting of a uniform countywide fire tax to replace the present system of individual district fire levies.

This proposal would curb the firefighters' autonomy and force the county's 41 volunteer fire departments to meet budgetary standards to receive tax funds.

Termed by the fire departments as a "power grab", the proposal was withdrawn by the commissioners after a large turnout at Annapolis on Feb. 19 indicated widespread opposition.

Opponents said the proposal was designed to take control of the fire companies away from the men who established them and built them up and to subject them to controls in buying firefighting apparatus and supplies.

Commission Chairman Gladys Spellman defended the proposal as needed to put the fire-fighting operation on a "more professional and equitable basis". It would enable the county, she said, to distribute the levies on the basis of need.

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday, March 4, 1968

I ORGANIZATION

- 1 Call to order
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Lord's Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 4 Minutes of Regular Meeting 2/19/68 and Special Meeting 2/26/68
- 5 Additions to the Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II COMMUNICATION

- 6 Petitions and Requests
- 7 Administrative Reports
- 8 Committee Reports

III OLD BUSINESS

- 9 Resolution to Transfer Funds Within Departments (2nd reading)

IV NEW BUSINESS

- 10 Ordinance Regulating Boating on Lake
- 11 State Legislation
- 12 Mosquito Control Program Participation

V Miscellaneous

Springhill Lake PTA

The Springhill Lake Elementary School P.T.A. will hold an Important meeting, Tuesday evening, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. Parents may enjoy Open House at 7:30, followed by the meeting at 8 p.m. in the school multi-purpose room. The most important business on the agenda will be the election of next year's officers. All members of the P.T.A. are urged to attend. Following the business meeting, the guest speaker for the evening will be Ron Willoner, Delegate to the Maryland Constitutional Convention from the 2nd District. Willoner will discuss both the old and new Maryland Constitutions, explaining the advantages of the new Maryland Constitution as it has been rewritten.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

CENTER SCHOOL PTA

Center School will hold its PTA meeting on Tuesday, March 5, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. The topic will concern the special education classes. Mrs. Marilyn Shoming will be the guest speaker. Parents and children who have questions concerning Center School's two special education classes should receive a better understanding of the program.

Mr. Gerald Gough, who has been the representative to the organizational meetings of the school board nominating convention, will give a progress report.

The election of the nominating committee is also on the agenda. There will be 10 nominees from which the membership will select 5.

NOTICE OF CITY VOTER REGISTRATION

Registrations for City elections will be taken from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Elementary School on Tuesday March 5, 1968 during P.T.A. Meeting in coordination with special County Voter Registration.

Nita P. Maschauer
City Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS DOMINATE FEB. 22 GHI BOARD MEETING

by Rita Fisher

The Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., accepted the various recommendations of its committees regarding matters of interest to the Board at its meeting last week. John O'Reilly, reporting for the Finance Committee, recommended that no action be taken to raise the \$1.00 delinquency fee charged to members who fall behind in their monthly payments.

He pointed out that existing by-laws do not grant the right to change the fee and that the existing contract would have to be changed. Actually, according to O'Reilly, only a small percentage of the members actually go more than a month past the due date of payment. The Board recommended that the manager research the matter to see if the situation warrants changing the present contract.

Jim Smith, chairman of the Parking Committee, recommended that the By-Law committee draw up regulations concerning parking violations. This regulation is to be drafted and presented at the annual membership meeting. Since GHI is private property, local police cannot be called in to enforce parking violations. Management will have to handle violators to the extent that two trucks may be hired to haul vehicles away at the owner's expense. Actually, according to contract regulations, leases can be terminated for objectionable conduct.

In giving a report from the Maintenance, Standards and Improvements Committee, George Adams turned the floor over to Vaughn Barkdoll, head of the sub-committee on sheds. Barkdoll presented the Board with a revised regulation regarding sheds, which will be reviewed by the manager for recommendation. The sub-committee will in future inspect all sheds now in yards. Members owning sheds deemed unsatisfactory will be sent letters containing recommendations for improvement and correction.

County Code on Sheds

According to Barkdoll, newly enacted Building Codes for Prince Georges County require that any shed or storage unit, including commercially purchased steel sheds, must have a building permit from the County before construction or placement begins. The County Building Inspectors will not issue any permit in the Greenbelt Homes jurisdiction without prior written approval from the GHI management. In order for all sheds to comply with the new building codes, all sheds must be anchored so as to remain intact in the event of high winds or storm.

Member Relations chairman Josie Seay, reporting on the recent orientation meeting, stated that 24 of the 68 persons attending had never before attended that type of meeting. From their questions they indicated a wide range of interest. For future meetings it was suggested that questions be submitted ahead of time so that the Directors would have time to prepare adequate answers.

Speaking for the Select Committee (formed to project the future of GHI), Nat Shinderman informed the Board that a letter had been presented at the orientation meeting outlining the general concepts of the charter of the Select Committee. The letter was accepted by

the Board for consideration. Shinderman also reported that a meeting was up-coming to go over the drawings of the architect as a preliminary to the meeting of February 29 when the Board will consider the rebuilding of the homes to occupy the area known as the Medical Center (corner of Gardenway and Ridge).

Outlet for Boat Yard

Manager Roy Breashears, in his report to the Board, stated that an electrical outlet had been requested in the boatyard. He stated that this electrical outlet could be made on an existing nearby pole and would be operable only by key. The key would be available to members of the boatyard for a fee of \$1.00, which would be applied to the capitalization of the boatyard. As a safety device, the electrical outlet would have current only while the key was in the lock.

Breashears also reported a letter from the city manager regarding the placement of special trash receptacles. A map was enclosed with the letter, pointing out specific areas for the receptacles. The actual location of receptacles will be experimental, he noted. If it proves satisfactory, more areas will be set up. The purpose for the receptacles is for the disposal of hedge clippings, grass cuttings, and similar garden debris.

VOTER REGISTRATION

In order to be able to vote in the forthcoming General Elections next November, eligible citizens must first register. Next Tuesday, March 5, at both Center School and Springhill Lake School, voter registration booths will be open from 7:30 to 9 p.m. during the PTA meetings.

Also, at Springhill Lake School only, at the above date and time, registrations will be taken for elections within the City of Greenbelt.

This is in addition to the March 2 registration which is reported in Springhill Notes elsewhere in this issue.

A "Greenbelt File"

At the time of the ground-breaking ceremony for the new Greenbelt Library, which is to take place Sunday, March 10, at 2 p.m., it is planned that a symbolic "first start" will be made towards the later presentation to the County Library Board of a collection of Greenbeltiana. Several organizations have endeavored to compile items of interest to those concerned with the history of Greenbelt, and it is possible that somewhere there is an early official record, an original deed, a letter concerning the transfer, or the like, which would make a valuable addition to the "Greenbelt file."

Should anyone have a candidate for inclusion in the hoped-for collection, Leo Gerton will accept material at 131 Centerway, on behalf of the Greenbelt Library Committee.



Lion President Jack Maffay congratulates Lion Lloyd Moore.
(See story on page 2)

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Support Senate Bill 376

To the Editor:

There is a bill before the State Senate which we believe concerns all the residents of Greenbelt and Prince Georges County. This is Senate Bill 376 introduced by Senator Wineland (D. Prince Georges County). The bill calls for the formation of a Fire Commission to control and distribute the fire taxes of this County. The present County Commissioners are against this bill. Their proposals could amount to an increase of the fire budget from \$4 million to \$20 million or more. These monies may ultimately be spent to provide a fully paid fire department in the county. Of the present taxes, \$2.3 million were spent for the paid services and the remaining \$1.7 million went to the volunteer fire departments. These tax funds did not cover the expenses of the fine ambulance service we have in this area. This service was paid for by contributions, bingo and other fund raising projects.

The tax funds allotted to the Greenbelt Fire Department this year amounted to \$36,000. The Department budget was \$56,000. To supply both fire protection and ambulance service in Greenbelt, 7 paid men would have to be on duty at all times. This would add up to at least \$147,000 if there is no increase in salaries. If the residents of Greenbelt wish to keep the taxes at their present level, we ask them to call or telegraph their representatives asking them to support Senate Bill 376.

Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.

Lloyd Moore Honored
By Greenbelt Lions

Greenbelt Resident Lloyd Moore was feted by the Greenbelt Lions Club at their meeting Monday, Feb. 26, in connection with the annual program honoring past District Governors of the area Lions Clubs. Lion Lloyd served as Governor of District 22-C during the period July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964. District 22-C includes the District of Columbia, Prince Georges, Montgomery, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties.

Lion Lloyd has served in every elected office in his Home Club, including that of King Lion during 1956-1957. While still an active member in the Greenbelt Club, Lion Lloyd is serving this year as Chairman of the annual Multiple District 22 convention in Atlantic City. The Multiple District is made up of five Sub Districts and includes all of Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia, with a total of 250 Clubs and a Membership of over 11,000. President Jack Maffay presented Lion Lloyd with a token of appreciation on behalf of the Greenbelt Lions Club.

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in 2-B Hillside.

5:30 p.m. Senior High Fellowship,
Social Hall.

Springhill Notes

Special Voter Registration will be held on March 2 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Community House, City and County Books will be open for a special registration for those who want to vote on the important Maryland Constitution and in the National Elections. Requirements are 21 years of age and resident for 1 year on the date of election. If you moved to Maryland in November of 1967, you are eligible to register now and vote in November. Registered voters are reminded that an unreported change of address could disqualify you.

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The Red Cross Home Nursing course will begin at 9:30 a.m. on March 3. There will be a total of 6 lessons. These lessons will run on three consecutive Wednesdays beginning March 3 from 9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Bring your lunch and make a day of it. No charge, and registrations are still being accepted.

TRAFFIC TIP

It's a very poor idea to wait until your car skids to find out that the road is slippery. When the weather is bad, proceed with the utmost caution and always allow plenty of room to stop in case of emergency.

Politically Frustrated?

To the Editor:

A county-wide meeting for the growing number of concerned citizens and frustrated voters, those disenchanted with our involvement in Vietnam and those opposed to war, will be held Sunday, March 3, at the Capital Plaza 2nd floor meeting room (near Montgomery Ward's) at 6 p.m.

Sponsored by the Prince Georges Peace Council and Dissenting Democrats, the meeting will offer a discussion of suggestions for individual, group, and community activities. No affiliation or commitment is required.

Bruce Bowman, V-P for P.G.
Dissenting Democrats

HELP US HELP YOU

Last week, in Annapolis, Mrs. Gladys Spellman, chairwoman of the county commissioners, temporarily withdrew a tax assessment bill. If revived, this bill will curb the firefighters autonomy, and could eventually phase out the volunteer system. At present, the Rescue Squad receives no tax monies: it is paid instead, through annual fund drives. A completely paid fire protection system will cost the Prince George's taxpayers an added \$20 million dollars per year. The Volunteer Firemen's Association are enthusiastically supporting Senator Fred L. Wineland's (Dem. Prince Georges) Senate Bill 376; which has already been signed by 4 other Senators. This bill provides for a 7 member-fire commission with final authority over budgets of the individual companies and distribution of tax revenues. This commission would be composed of various members of Fire Protection Agencies, business and civic organizations. The firemen are asking for your support. WRITE or WIRE:

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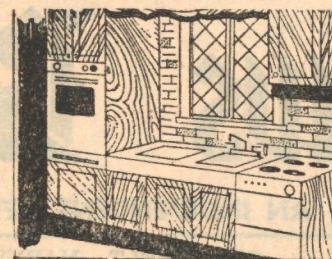
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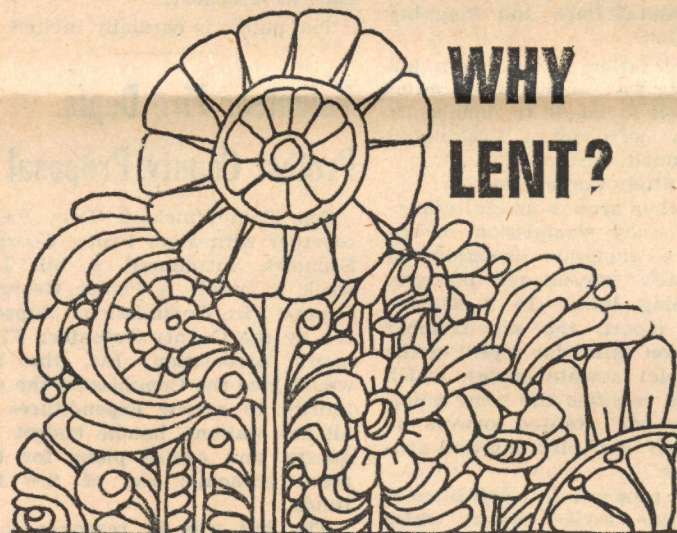
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Coaches and helpers are still desperately needed in the Little League. Please contact Ray Leaber at 474-4269.

The annual Spring Dance will be on Saturday, March 30, at the Greenbelt American Legion. Tickets can be obtained through anyone affiliated with the Little League. The time will be 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be provided by the Bell-tones Orchestra.

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Recreation Review

Teen Club Chatter

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Warning, Ceramics Class Participants

Recent attention has been focused on the possibility of lead poisoning through the use of ceramic articles contained in certain glazes. We advise anyone who has glazed eating utensils, to check on the glaze before using them.

Adult Arts and Crafts Classes
We are taking registration for adult arts and crafts classes to begin shortly. For additional information concerning this Tuesday morning class, contact the Recreation Department.

Judo Classes

A new beginner judo class will begin on Feb. 29, from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Greenbelt Center School. All interested participants should call the Recreation Department for particulars.

Men's Basketball

The Greenbelt Men's Basketball Team will take on the Business Men 7:15 p.m. on February 4, at Beltsville Junior High.

The Greenbelt City League plays three games Sunday evening, March 3, 7 p.m., the Counter's play the All Stars, the Satellites vs. the Tigers at 8 p.m., and at 9 p.m. the Grey Shirts vs. University Square.

St. Hugh's Sodality

Members of the Ladies' Sodality of St. Hugh's Church will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 6, beginning with the 8 p.m. Mass. Guest speakers for the evening will be Elders Borchert and Doyle of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. (Mormon). A film will be shown from the Protestant Pavilion of the recent New York World's Fair. Refreshments will be served, and the general public is welcome.

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Spring Play School For Area Children

The senior home economics students of High Point High School will hold a play school beginning March 25 and ending May 31. Play school will meet four days a week with two sessions, 9:15-10:45 a.m. and 1:45-3:20 p.m. Children from

the ages of 2 to 5 are eligible; acceptance is based on sex, age, and the order in which applications are received. Applications will be available on March 4 in the school lobby from 9:30-10:30 or in the office anytime after that. These forms must be returned by March 13 to the school office. Notification of acceptance will be sent to parents on March 18.

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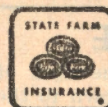
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From the Rescue Squad Captain

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Inc. is conducting its ANNUAL AMBULANCE CLUB FUND DRIVE during the month of March.

Last year we had an increase of 30% in requests for ambulance services. In our effort to render more efficient services to you and your neighbors we have employed three (3) full time paid firemen who work during the daylight hours. These men supplement our VOLUNTEER ambulance crews. With the exception of these men the squad is made up entirely of volunteers who contribute voluntarily many hours of their time free of charge to man our two (2) ambulances regardless of the hour day or night. Their only reward is the satisfaction that comes from helping others and recognizing the need for Ambulance Service in the community.

The squad's only source of income is from donations. Therefore it must depend on the generosity of the citizens whom it serves for funds to replace ambulances, equipment, supplies and oxygen necessary for an efficient and ever ready Ambulance Service. If that day should ever come, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that your annual contribution of \$5.00 has made possible Modern Equipment and Volunteer Trained Personnel to respond to your need in minutes.

For emergency situations call 864-1122. For NON-emergency cases 474-5511.

We are sorry that we cannot contact each of you individually. This is due to the rapid growth of Greenbelt, and the lack of manpower to canvass the community as we have done for many years.

The Rescue Squad wishes to extend its sincere thanks for your financial support, both past and present. We are looking forward to serving you in the months ahead.

Sincerely yours,

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and
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Remember, we do need you; we hope you never need us!

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